

REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS

M [00043] The opiate antagonist can be administered to the patient by any known drug delivery method (such as transdermal, nasal, transmucosal or intramuscular), however oral administration is preferred. The opiate antagonist may be combined with any pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. For example, suitable carriers include water, milk, fruit juice and sweetened beverage.

REPLACEMENT CLAIMS

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19. (Amended) A method of treating refractory depression characterized by dissociation comprising administering to a patient in need thereof at least one opiate antagonist; evaluating said patient for a response to said opiate antagonist; and reassessing said patient for depression.

Please add claim 23.

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23. (New) The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of administering at least one antidepressant to said patient after said step of reassessing said patient for depression.